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Splash Into Summer . . . Somerset Pool Opens On May 18th!

Here is the pool schedule for upcoming season:

- Montgomery County School Days – 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Non-School Weekdays – 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Saturdays – 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Sundays – 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Save The Date



Brown Bag Lunch On Monday, May 20

The Town's second quarterly **Brown Bag Lunch** will be held on Friday, **May 20**, from **noon to 1:00 p.m.** at the Town Hall. This will be another great opportunity for residents to speak with Mayor Slavin and the Council about issues around Town. Don't miss this opportunity. Remember to bring a sandwich or dish to share—and a friend. Beverages, plates and utensils will be provided. Don't forget that the Town has embarked on a healthy eating campaign, so let's all eat healthily! Email Mayor Slavin at mayor@townofsomerset.com if you have any questions.



A Big Thank You To Somerset's Earth Day Cleanup Crew

By Patty Friedman, Chairperson, Parks and Natural Resources Committee

Somerset's Earth Cleanup Day on April 6 was a big success! It was a beautiful day, and we had a great group of volunteers to help clean the stream and remove invasive species in the park. I want to thank **Jo Albert** (Cumberland), Council Member **Marnie Shaul** (Uppingham), **Julie Greenberg** (Falstone), **Gail David** (Grantham), **Steven**

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Somerset's Earth Day Cleanup Crew



Calendar

Monday, May 6
Council Meeting

Monday, May 6
Somerset Bulk Refuse Pickup

Tuesday, May 28
MVA Mobile Office

Don't forget to check the Town website throughout the month for an up-to-date calendar. Go to www.townofsomerset.com and click on **Town Calendar**.

The Preliminary Agenda for each month's Town Council meeting is posted on the Town website (www.townofsomerset.com) seven days prior to the meeting. A copy is also posted on the bulletin board on the Town Hall porch.



On My Mind

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

In spite of significant gains over the past several decades, women continue to be underrepresented in Congress, State Legislatures, and local governments. Fortunately, this is not the case in Somerset as evidenced by the recent election

which resulted in the continuation of an all-female Town Council. Our residents are to be congratulated for setting this example.

As someone who has been involved for over two decades with political organizations promoting the candidacies of female citizens, I am the biggest booster of our Council's current lineup. According to many studies, men are more likely to run for public office than women. I am so glad that our Council members chose a different path. In my view, the Town is all the better for it.

This is not to say anything against my own sex, but as we battle to create a non-sexist world I think it is beneficial to have strong female role models, especially for all our children. When women have their own "seats at the table" they are able to erase the stereotypes and foster gender equity by action and example.

It is unfortunate that in our own County the percentage of female office holders on the County Council and in the State Legislature has declined during my professional career. I will continue to strive to reverse that trend. Our Council members are helping achieve this goal. Their hard work and engagement in Somerset are making a big difference for our community.

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Earth Day Cleanup Crew from page 1

Heydemann (Grantham), **Blair Levin** (Grantham), **Alan Dock** (Falstone), and **Ellie Fink** (Dorset) for their efforts. We were able to pack up five enormous bags of trash (including many, many beer cans) and we worked on removing the English Ivy which is strangling the trees, spreading throughout the park, and crowding out the beautiful spring wildflowers. Thankfully, there is much less Garlic Mustard this year because of previous successful efforts to remove this invasive plant. Please join us for our next work day in late fall. Until then, watch for ticks and poison ivy but enjoy the woods!



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Upcoming Somerset Spring Salvage Days in April and May

By Iris Amdur, Warwick Place



Spring Salvage Days

Last year's salvage events before bulk trash day were very successful at reducing waste and providing people in need with useful household goods. We are pleased to be making this service available

to Somerset families again this year. Please contact **Iris Amdur** (Warwick) at irisamdur@greenshape.com or at 202-744-1456 with questions. For additional resources see www.montgomerycountymd.gov/useitagain.

- **Household Items: A Wider Circle** will pick up curbside on Sunday, May 5th from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Items should be curbside by noon Sunday, clearly marked "A Wider Circle." To schedule a pickup for larger items you cannot move outside yourself, please call 301-608-3504 or email furnish@awidercircle.org by Wednesday, May 1. See <http://www.awidercircle.org>. All donors receive a receipt for tax purposes.



A Wider Circle redistributes items free of charge to families transitioning from shelters or other homeless circumstances, or otherwise living without their

basic needs. Mattresses are always a much-needed item, but they must be free of rips or stains. Additionally, families are in need of kitchen/dining tables, living room furniture, end tables, lamps, gently used linens and towels, dish sets, baby items and children's clothing up to size 4T. Drop-side cribs are not accepted. Unopened personal care items such as toothpaste, soap, deodorant, and cleaning supplies are always welcome.

- **Building Materials and Household Items: Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County ReStore** will pick up curbside donations by appointment from April 29 to May 3. Email or call **Jonathan Warshaw** at restore@habitat-mc.org or 301-990-0014 x31 to schedule a pickup during this event or any time. Items should be clearly marked "Habitat for Humanity." Donations are also accepted Monday-Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 9100 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. See www.restoremoco.org. All donors receive a receipt for tax purposes.



Habitat for Humanity ReStore is a non-profit retail outlet specializing in the resale of building materials, tools, scrap metal, lighting, kitchen cabinets, new and gently used home furnishings, antiques, and appliances. Please consider donating gently used

holiday decorations for the annual Holiday Shoppe. All proceeds are used to provide decent, affordable homes for low-income families in Montgomery County.



Household Items needing TLC: Donation Nation has collected items from Somerset

during previous salvage events. Fill out the online form at <http://www.donationnationusa.org/FullService.html> to schedule a pickup of useful items that may not be in quite good enough shape for the other charities to take but which still have useful life left. Donation Nation helps you rid yourself of unwanted items while reducing our environmental footprint and creating green jobs. There is a small fee for removal, but you will receive a receipt for tax purposes and feel good about keeping your items out of the landfill. Call 855-362-9252 with questions.



Promote Wellness: Step Out In Somerset

By Susan Puritz, Essex Avenue and Sally Shea, Essex Avenue

Spring is coming and Somerset's newly invigorated Health and Wellness Committee invites you to "step it out" in the neighborhood—all you need is a good pair of walking shoes! The American Heart Association recommends walking 10,000 steps, or five miles daily, to improve health and decrease the risk of heart disease—the number one killer of men and women in America. But don't be intimidated if 10,000 steps sound like a lot—start slowly and increase the amount over time. Every step counts!

Fortunately, Somerset is ideally located for walks to parks, schools, stores and restaurants. We've mapped out three routes (with more to come) in case you're interested in calculating and building your numbers. Here are a few routes:

Route #1: Start at Little Surrey and Dorset, head north on Surrey and take a right on Cumberland. Turn left at the alley (before Somerset School), cross Drummond, follow the walking path and continue on Stratford straight through the circle ending at Norwood Park. Turn around and retrace your steps back to the beginning. **2400 steps—approximately 1¼ miles and relatively flat.**

Route#2: Follow the directions above; however, when you reach Stratford and Norwood Drive, take a left and follow Norwood Park through the parking lots until you reach the paved walking path adjacent to the fields. Stay on the path until it dead-ends at the bottom of the hill. Take a left

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Somerset's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget

At the upcoming May 6th Town Council Meeting, the Council will be considering adoption of the Mayor's FY'14 proposed budget. A consolidated copy of the budget can be found as an

insert to this month's Journal. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Town Website Redesign

At the April 2013 Council Meeting, it was decided to enter into a contract with a company called CivicPlus to begin a complete overhaul of the Town's website. CivicPlus is endorsed by the Maryland Municipal League and Maryland Association of Counties, and is a nationally known firm that specializes in municipal government websites. The Town's Ad Hoc Communications Committee researched multiple firms and will assist in the transition to the new site. This transition will likely take four to six months.

Swimming Pool Information

The Pool will be open on **Saturday, May 18, 2013** and remain open through **Sunday, September 15, 2013**.

Please follow Swim Team scheduled events happening at the Pool. Also, please check with Nicole at the Town Hall, either via email or phone, to make sure that your guest fee account is up to date. Guest fees are required to be pre-paid. If you have misplaced your Pool tag, there is a \$5 replacement cost. Pool party rules have changed for the 2013 season. Please take a look at the April Town Journal or contact the Town Hall to obtain a copy of these rules. Finally, be sure to look out for a Town sponsored **Summer Kick Off Pool Party on June 15th at noon**.

Somerset Salvage Weekend

Please make sure to review the article in this month's Journal for specific details regarding the **Somerset Salvage Event** that will take place in **late April and the weekend of May 4, 2013**.

Please also note (see previous Town Announcements) that Somerset has scheduled a **Bulk Trash Pickup for Monday, May 6**.

Directory Updates

We are currently working on the 2013-2014 Town Directory, and we know some of you may want to make changes. Please email these changes to town@townofsomerset.com. If you are new to Somerset, or if you wish to amend your household's entry, please send us an email containing the information you wish to include in your listing. You can use the format in the current directory as your guideline. **Deadline for change submissions is 4:30 p.m. on May 13.**

WSSC Project



At the April 2013 Council Meeting, an Agreement with Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission was finalized, following three public meetings, for work to take place on roadways within the Town of Somerset starting in the next month or so. Please note that

WSSC will be coming back to the Town to apply to do work in the Environmentally Sensitive Areas in coming months. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Surrey Street – 126'

Trent Court – 177'

Essex Avenue – 286'

Deal Place – 105' (Pipe Bursting, WSSC will explain what this is)

Cumberland Avenue – Trenchless repair of lateral

Warwick Place – Manhole Repair

Dorset Avenue – Manhole Repair

4701 Willard Avenue Project

A project will be taking place at the 4701 Willard Avenue apartment building (formerly the Irene) starting in the next few months. The owners have obtained approval from Somerset to use a small portion of its land at the rear of the building as a staging area. The Town, through multiple public meetings with the applicant, has worked out a set of conditions that includes restoring the land back to its original condition, providing tree and stream protection and the planting of some tree screening upon completion of the project. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Council Meeting Actions

The Town Council met in regular session in April 1, 2013. The Council took the following actions:

1. Approval of February 4 and March 4 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of March 7 and March 18 Special Council Meeting Minutes.
3. Approval of March 20 Closed Meeting Minutes.
4. Approval of March 25 Swearing- In Minutes.
5. Approval of the Bulk Trash Pick Up Date for Monday, May 6.
6. Approval of the reappointment of Aaron Bobeck as the Youth representative to the Pool Committee for a 1 year term.
7. Approval of the reappointment of Miriam Tavens to the Parks and Natural Resources Committee for a 3 year term.
8. Approval of the reappointment of Kristen Khanna to the Parks and Natural Resources Committee for a 3 year term.
9. Approval of an application submitted by Sara Ridgway, 4708 Falstone Avenue, for a replacement HVAC Unit contingent upon it meeting the required noise levels.
10. Approval of an application submitted by Steven Guttentag and Stacey Winick, 5608 Warwick Place, to install a replacement HVAC Unit contingent upon it meeting the required noise levels.
11. Recommendation of the Local Advisory Panel to the Historic Preservation Commission on two planned modifications at 4727 Essex Avenue. The two proposed modifications are: construct a 5 foot wooden fence along the rear property; and construct a 5 foot double gate at the west rear of the house to an existing rear west side property line fence.
12. Approval of an application submitted by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to perform sewer rehabilitation work in the Town of Somerset at the following locations:
Surrey Street 126', Trent Court 177', Essex Avenue 286', Deal Place 105' (Pipe Bursting), Cumberland Avenue (Trenchless Repair of Lateral), Warwick Place (Manhole Repair), Dorset Avenue (Manhole Repair)
13. Approval of a Final Letter of Conditions Agreement for project to be located at 4701 Willard Avenue as reviewed by the Town Attorney.
14. Approval of the following trees to be planted by PEPCO: 9 Serviceberries along 4807 Dorset Avenue, 2 Serviceberries near the sign at the entrance of Little Falls and Dorset Avenue, and 1 Dogwood at 5812 Warwick Place.
15. Approval of the removal of 12 trees at 4816 Dorset Avenue and reforestation plan to include the planting of 16 trees at the property.
16. Approval of the emergency removal of a sugar maple tree at 4902 Cumberland Avenue as recommended by the Town Arborist.
17. Approval of a contract with Icon Enterprises, Inc, CivicPlus, for the re-design and maintenance of the Town Website.
18. Approval of a contract with Camp Summerset for the use of the Town Pool for the 2013 season.
19. Approval of revised Pool Party Rules as recommended by the Pool Committee.
20. Approval of a proposal from Vigilant Security for remote monitoring at the Town Pool for the 2013 pool season.

In addition to the actions taken by the Council, Mayor Slavin introduced the proposed FY'14 Budget and provided his Mayor's Report. Town Manager Charnovich presented the March Financial Report.

Mayor Slavin and the Town Council recognized Somerset Elementary School 5th grader, Caroline Louttit (Trent), for her diligent attendance to Town Council meetings over the years. Caroline's brother Benjamin, was also at the meeting and is close to achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Town Inspector Larry Plummer provided construction update reports for projects at 5529 Uppingham, 5510 Trent, and 5513 Uppingham Street.

Approval of the Swim Team Handbook was tabled until the May Council Meeting so the Town Attorney could review the Handbook.



By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

Last month I had the extraordinary experience of being invited to the White House as a member of Mayors Against Illegal Guns. I attended a large event President Obama hosted on gun safety, followed by an amazing 30-minute session with Vice President Biden with only five other mayors (including Takoma Park's Bruce Williams) on the same topic. It was certainly a day I will never forget. I have a copy of the President's remarks that I am happy to share with interested residents

because I know how strongly our community supports strengthening gun safety legislation. In spite of recent setbacks, we must all do everything we can to lobby the Congress and engage everyone we know in support of the President's crucial initiatives in this area.

Our beloved former colleague, Council member **Alan Proctor** (Cumberland), is continuing his battle against a serious illness with great courage and dignity at his temporary home in California, although word is that he will be returning for a visit in the middle of this month. There have been some positive reports from the doctors of late, and Alan is working daily with therapists and other medical professionals to maintain the highest quality of life possible. I dropped him a card for Valentine's Day and I am sure he would appreciate other cards or letters, which can be sent to his Somerset address.

In the March Journal, I wrote an item in this column about some complaints I had received followed by a suggestion that residents consider putting away holiday decorations closer to January 1. I would like to clarify that the complaints only dealt with the lights—and the resulting light pollution and “waste” of energy—and not the decorations themselves. I do not in any way wish to discourage the creativity of our townspeople!

Sincere congratulations to Council members **Marnie Shaul** (Uppingham), **Barbara Zeughauser** (Trent), and **Franny Peale** (Uppingham) for being re-elected to the Town Council on March 20. I thoroughly enjoy my relationship with these hard-working officials and look forward to moving forward on a variety of issues during their terms. The members were sworn in the Monday following the election and at a brief organizational meeting Marnie was re-elected as Council Vice President. I greatly appreciate my frequent contact with the Vice President, as we ensure that the Town government is run as efficiently as possible, residents' concerns are promptly addressed, and emergency matters are dealt with. The historic all-female nature of our Council was recognized recently in the *Gazette*, and I continue to be impressed with the individual accomplishments of each one of them and how well they work together as a group. If only our Congress would follow their example!

I am pleased to announce that our Town has received another award from the Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee of the Department of Natural Resources Forest Service for our enthusiasm and hard work in creating a smarter, greener, and more sustainable future. It is always nice to be recognized for our continuing environmental stewardship. I feel that Somerset's leadership in so many environmental areas is significantly contributing to a greener Montgomery County and a greener Maryland. For all those involved in these efforts, keep up the good work.





Spring Tennis Reminders

By Matt Fink, Chair, Tennis Committee

The following is a report from the Tennis Committee on what you need to know about the upcoming season.

Tennis Identification Cards

1. Somerset residents may either purchase cards **in person** at the Town Hall **or mail a check to the Town Hall**. If you choose to **mail a check**, please be sure that your correct home address appears on the check. The tennis card will be delivered to this address. Checks should be made out to "Town of Somerset." The annual fee is \$20 per household, the same as last year.
2. When you are playing on the courts, please display a card in the appropriate slot on the entrance gate.
3. Please **do not lend** your card to non-residents.

Etiquette Rules

The board next to the courts displays a sheet entitled "*Town of Somerset: Tennis Etiquette.*"

Here are some of the rules of etiquette on the courts:

1. "When taking possession of your court, don't walk across the back of another court while a point is in progress. Wait until it is completed."
2. "Don't carry on an extended conversation across the net while playing . . . your chatter will disturb players on the next court."
3. "Keep your shouts of dismay or jubilation in the low decibel range."
4. "While waiting for a court or after finishing, don't chat near the fence—it disturbs players."

Camp Summerset Court Days and Times

The Town Council has agreed to give Camp Summerset exclusive use of the courts from **10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on June 24th through July 5th** (except for July 4th). The courts will be closed to residents at those times.

We Want Your Views

The tennis courts are a great asset for the Town and its residents. Last year, almost 90 cards were sold, indicating that over 20% of households use the courts. As the tennis season progresses, the Tennis Committee welcomes residents' views. For example, we would like feedback on the following questions:

1. Are the new regulations, particularly those relating to group lessons, satisfactory?

2. Are there other rules of etiquette that should be adopted?
3. Should the town install a key or pass code system for access to the courts?
4. Should the town sponsor events such as tournaments, ladders, or group lessons?

Please send me your views on these and other tennis issues. My email is mainsailmd@verizon.net.

Congratulations To Our Three Newly Elected Council Members!

By Phyllis Wiesenfelder, Chair, Board of Supervisors of Elections

I want to congratulate **Marnie Shaul**, **Barbara Zeughauser**, and **Franny Peale** on their election to the Town Council for two year terms. Also, I want to thank the members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections: **Ellie Fink** (Dorset), **John Stewart** (Dorset), **Bill Marmon** (Cumberland), and **Sherrie Bindeman** (Essex) for their efforts.

Permits Granted



Tree Removal Permits

4914 Cumberland Avenue, 1 Black Walnut and 1 Tulip Poplar

5504 Trent Street, 1 Mulberry

4813 Falstone Avenue, 1 Cherry

4522 Dorset Avenue, 2 Dogwoods

Portable Storage Unit Permits

4813 Falstone Avenue, 1 storage pod

Proposed Landscape Design For Dorset/Little Falls Entrance

By Judy Bowles, Surrey Street, Vice Chair, PNRC

Somerset's **Parks and Natural Resources Committee (PNRC)** is planning a renovation of the planting that surrounds the Somerset sign at the juncture of Dorset Avenue and Little Falls Parkway. Somerset's Town Council and Montgomery County have approved the plan.

The planting will be done in two phases. This spring, the borders will be enlarged, and two serviceberry trees and a grouping of American hollies will be planted behind the sign, incorporating three of the existing hollies. Next fall, native grasses, evergreen Cotoneaster, Pacificum chrysanthemums, and Nepeta (Catmint) will be placed in front of the sign. All of these plants are suitable for the conditions of this site which faces southwest. They are drought tolerant and thrive in our abundant summer sun. This planting is consistent with the principals of conservation landscaping which the committee is proposing for the Town. More information about conservation landscaping will be provided to residents by early summer.

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heading back towards Somerset and make a left on Dorset. Return to the beginning at Little Surrey and Dorset. **3400 steps—approximately 1¾ miles with one major hill.**

Route #3: Start at Little Surrey and Dorset, head west down Dorset towards Kenwood. Cross Little Falls Parkway into Kenwood staying on Dorset until you reach the top of the hill. Turn right on Highland and follow until it dead-ends. Take a right on Chamberlin and a right on Kennedy. Take a left on Dorset crossing Little Falls Parkway back into Somerset and turn left on Devon. Proceed right on Cumberland up the hill and take a right at the school on Warwick. Make a right on Dorset and return to Little Surrey. **4900 steps—approximately 2½ miles with two major hills.**

Remember 10,000 steps is the magic number so grab your neighbor, take your dog, include your kids and start walking! In a couple of months we'll add more routes, form walking groups, provide information on pedometers, and sponsor some fun competition,

Our Wellness Committee is open to all. If you'd like to get involved, please contact **Diane Horn** at *impowercoach@verizon.net* or 301-654-0310.

Update On Cicadas

By Dr. Tolbert Feather, Town Arborist



Cicadas Emerge This Year

The 17-year cicada in this area, Brood II, will emerge this year. These cicadas have black bodies and red eyes, emerge mid-May, and complete their life cycle by the end of June. The adults do

feed on woody plants but potential damage to trees and shrubs occurs when the female cicadas insert eggs into the tips of twigs. These twigs are damaged enough to cause the loss of the tips of branches. On large trees, this loss is minimal. On smaller trees, it significantly reduces the canopy, but even smaller trees do recover. You may isolate young trees with screening to prevent damage, but there are no treatments to manage the cicadas.

Cicadas do not bite people or carry or transmit any diseases. They are a great food source for birds and a true wonder of nature. An informative website for more information is at www.magicicada.com.

Preliminary Agenda

Regular Somerset Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall, May 6, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Somerset Town Hall. Agenda updates are posted on the Town website: www.townofsomerset.com.

Council Work Session – 7:00 p.m.

Council Meeting Convenes – 7:30 p.m.

Comments: Public Comment Period – 7:30*



Council Members: Barbara Zeughouser, Cathy Pickar, Marnie Shaul, Franny Peale, Barbara Condos

CONSENT

1. **Motion:** To consider approval of the April 1, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
2. **Motion:** To consider approval of the April 3, 2013 Swearing In Minutes
3. **Discussion/Motion:** To consider approval of the Council liaison assignments for 2013-2014 – 7:50 p.m.
4. **Discussion/Motion:** To consider approval of the following dates and times for Swim Team Events for the 2013 season – 9:35 p.m.
 - Friday, May 17: Swim Team Registration Party – 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - Saturday morning June 8th time trials – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 - Wednesday evening June 12th intra-meet – 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 - Saturday morning June 15th division meets with Diamond Farm – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 - Saturday morning June 29th division meet with Forest Knolls (Pool Committee has recommended it be moved to away meet, under review)
 - Wednesday evening July 3rd meet with Bannockburn – 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 - Sunday morning July 7th division relay carnival – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (pool only closed 2 hours)
 - Wednesday evening July 10 meet with Carderock Springs – 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 - Saturday morning July 13 division meet with Norbeck Hills – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 - Swim Team Banquet – 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

NON-CONSENT

5. **Discussion:** Town Manager's May Financial Report – 7:55 p.m.
6. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider adoption of the FY14 Budget and set the real estate tax rate – 8:00 p.m.
7. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a site plan modification on an application modification submitted by Barnes Vanze Architects Inc. on behalf of Melissa and Alan Davidson, 4727 Essex Avenue. The applicant has proposed the following revisions as approved by the Historic Preservation Commission – 8:15 p.m.
 1. Previously permitted 10' high shed to be relocated 5' from property line
 2. Previously permitted gravel driveway to rear of house to be relocated and is now proposed to be a concrete basketball pad
 3. Existing front path to be made wider and new walkways added
 4. New AC units shown relocated as requested at April 17, 2012 Meeting
 5. Construct a 5-foot wooden fence along the rear property line
 6. Construct a 5-foot double gate at the west rear of the house to an existing rear west-side property line fence
8. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider an application submitted by John and Katherine Coleman, 4806 Falstone Avenue. The applicants are requesting building, deck, dumpster and HVAC Unit permits – 8:25 p.m.

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9. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider application submitted by Bilal Rahill and Veronique Marier, 4713 Essex Avenue. The applicants are requesting building and dumpster permits for renovations to the house rooftop – 8:40 p.m.
10. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a generator installation application submitted by Morris Panner and Nancy Jardini, 4815 Essex Avenue, contingent upon the generator passing the required noise levels – 8:55 p.m.
11. **Discussion:** Status update on three construction projects: 5529 Uppingham Street, 5510 Trent Street and 5513 Uppingham Street – 9:05 p.m.
12. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider a building permit extension application submitted by Paramount Construction for the construction project at 5529 Uppingham Street – 9:15 p.m.
13. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a tree removal application submitted by Richard and Grethe Smith, 5415 Trent Street. The applicant is requesting to remove 15 Leyland Cyprus trees from the property – 9:25 p.m.
14. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of the removal of a Town tree number 707 at 5513 Uppingham Street as recommended by the Town Arborist – 9:35 p.m.
15. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider adoption of the Swim Team Rules for calendar year 2013 as presented by the Swim Team Committee and reviewed by the Town Attorney – 9:40 p.m.
16. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a contract with NB Health and Fitness, L.L.C. DBA Wet Yet? Water Fitness for water aerobics classes at the Town Pool for 2013 – 9:50 p.m.
17. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider a proposal submitted by the Local Government Investment Trust (LGIT) for property and liability insurance services for FY14 – 10:00 p.m.
18. **Discussion:** Mayor’s Report – 10:10 p.m.
19. **Adjourn** – 10:15 p.m.

Key

Public Hearing Item: Agenda item where public comment is permitted.

Discussion Item: Agenda item limited to discussion among the Council, Mayor and Town Staff.

Motion Item: Agenda item requesting action, limited to Council discussion.

Comments: Opinions and Questions from Town residents.

Please note the Public Comment Period at 7:30 p.m. may run less than 20 minutes. Residents who wish to be present for a particular Agenda item are advised to arrive 20 minutes ahead of the item’s scheduled discussion time since discussions sometimes run ahead of schedule.

Items marked * have related articles inside this issue of the Town Journal.

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